Fencing of the Indo-Bangla Border in N.E. States

3479. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the States in North-Eastern Region have urged upon the Central Government to expedite the work relating to fencing of the Indo-Bangla border to stem the growing influx of Bangladeshi migrants into the Indian Union; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have approved the project of construction of fencing in two phases in States bordering Indo-Bangladesh Border including some of the States in North-Eastern region. Under Phase-I, fencing in 854.354 Kms. have been erected as against the approved target of 857.37 Kms. Under Phase-II, Government has approved 2429.5 Kms. of fencing. The work is in progress and is targeted to be completed by 2007.

Steps to combat the terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir

3480. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ghazi Nasir-ud-din, the new chief of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen has vowed to step up terrorists attack in the valley of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) if so, the steps being taken to combat the attacks and flush out Hizb cadre from the valley; and

(c) the precautions being taken to prevent spreading of this outfit to other States/UTs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The terrorist outfits have all along been threatening to intensify terrorist activities in the State. Apart from Ghazi

Nasir-ud-din, self styled operational commander of terrorist outfit HM, Chief of Lashkar-e-Toiba, Hafiz Mohd. Saeed has also announced recently that his outfit will attempt to accelerate their activities.

(b) and (c) In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland, the Central Government conjointly with the State Government has taken a series of steps to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI which includes strengthening border management to check infiltration, pro-active against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces and action as per law against over-ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State and the Central Government.

As a part of conjoint efforts to curb terrorism, commensurate with a multi-pronged strategy, the Government continues to provide all possible support to the State Government in terms of financial help, security force manpower, technical and intelligence related assistance.

UN convention on organised crime

3481. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has signed UN Convention on organized crimes;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement signed in this regard; and

(c) to what extent India will be benefited from this agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) Yes, Sir. On December 12, 2002, India became a signatory to the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC) and its three supplementary Protocols against Smuggling of Migrants,